

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested restriction to one of four groups of claims. Applicants provisionally elect Group II covering claims 43 through 48, 52 and 53.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following comments.

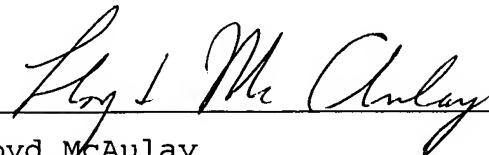
Applicants point out that the Group III claims include calculating the top dead centre. More specifically, each of these claims has the limitation "deriving the top dead centre during the cycle". This is recited in claim 49 and thus is the limitation of dependent claims 50 and 51. The independent claim 43 in Group II recites the step "deriving top dead centre". Accordingly, the correspondence between these two Groups (i.e. Groups II and III) warrant keeping them together.

Applicants suggest that the scope of art to be reviewed in assessing the patentability of these two groups of claims is substantially the same. It would be efficient for the Patent Office for Applicants and for the public to have these claims in a single patent.

Applicants maintain its option to file a divisional case or cases directed to the non-elected Groups.

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Respectfully submitted,



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